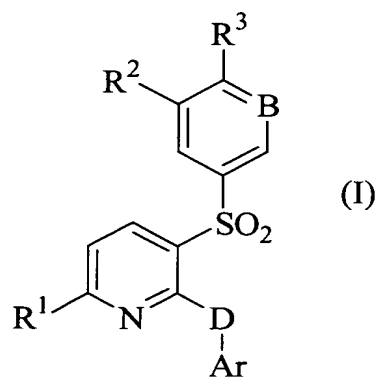


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of Formula (I)



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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof,
wherein

B is CH or N;

D is CH₂ or NH;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of H, -CN, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₂₋₄ alkenyl, C₂₋₄ alkynyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy and N(C₁₋₄ alkyl)₂ optionally and independently substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -CN, hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl and C₁₋₄ alkoxy;

R² is selected from the group consisting of H, halo, -CN, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -NR⁴R⁶, -C₁₋₆alkylNR⁴R⁶, -C₁₋₆alkylOR⁶, CO₂R⁶, O₂CR⁶, COR⁶, CON⁴R⁶, NR⁴CO₂R⁶, NR⁴SO₂R⁶, NR⁴COR⁶, OCONR⁴R⁶ and NR⁴CONR⁵R⁶;

optionally and independently substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -CN, hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CO₂C₁₋₄ alkyl or phenyl; or

R² is morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, piperadinyl, piperazinyl, phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl, oxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl and indazolyl, independently and optionally substituted

with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy- C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, -OR⁴, halo, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, -CN, SH, -S(O)₂R⁵,
 5 -COR⁴, -CO₂R⁴, -OC(O)R⁵, -N(COR⁴)₂, -NR⁴R⁷ and -CONR⁴R⁷, -NR⁴COR⁵, NR⁴SO₂R⁵, NR⁴CONR⁵R⁷ or NR⁴CO₂R⁵;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of H, halo, -CN, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkenyl, C₂₋₆
 10 alkynyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -NR⁴R⁶, -C₁₋₆alkylNR⁴R⁶, -C₁₋₆alkylOR⁶, CO₂R⁶, O₂CR⁶, COR⁶, CON⁴R⁶, NR⁴CO₂R⁶, NR⁴SO₂R⁶, NR⁴COR⁶, OCONR⁴R⁶, and NR⁴CONR⁵R⁶;

optionally and independently substituted with 1
 15 to 3 substituents selected from the group consisting of -CN, hydroxy, halo, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy, CO₂C₁₋₄ alkyl, phenyl or naphthyl; or

R³ is morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl,
 20 piperadinyl, piperazinyl, phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl, pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl, oxazolyl,
 25 benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl, triazolyl, tetrazolyl and indazolyl, independently and optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the
 30 group consisting of H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy- C₁₋₄ alkyl, -OR⁴,

halo, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, -CN, SH, -S(O)₂R⁵,
 -COR⁴, -CO₂R⁴, -OC(O)R⁵, -N(COR⁴)₂, -NR⁴R⁷
 and -CONR⁴R⁷, -NR⁴COR⁵, NR⁴SO₂R⁵, NR⁴CONR⁵R⁷
 or NR⁴CO₂R⁵;

5 Ar is selected from the group consisting of phenyl,
 indanyl, indenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl,
 triazinyl, furanyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl,
 thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl,
 pyrrolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl,
 10 oxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl,
 benzothiazolyl, benzoxazolyl, isoxazolyl,
 triazolyl, tetrazolyl, indazolyl, indolinyl,
 benzoxazolin-2-on-yl, benzodioxolanyl and
 benzodioxane, independently and optionally
 15 substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected
 from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₆
 cycloalkyl, C₁₋₄ alkoxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl, -OR⁴, halo,
 C₁₋₄ haloalkyl, -CN, -NO₂, SH, -S(O)₂R⁵, -COR⁴,
 -CO₂R⁴, -OC(O)R⁵, -N(COR⁴)₂, -NR⁴R⁷ and -CONR⁴R⁷,
 20 -NR⁴COR⁵, NR⁴SO₂R⁵, NR⁴CONR⁵R⁷, and NR⁴CO₂R⁵;

R⁴, R⁵ and R⁷ are independently selected from the
 group consisting of H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₆
 cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl-C₃₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₂
 alkoxy-C₁₋₄ alkyl and C₁₋₄ haloalkyl; and

25 R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₆
 alkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₃₋₆ cycloalkyl-C₁₋₆
 alkyl, C₁₋₂ alkoxy-C₁₋₂ alkyl, C₁₋₄ haloalkyl,
 phenyl and C₁₋₆ alkyl-phenyl.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein B is CH.

3. A compound according to claim 1 wherein D is NH.
4. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R¹ is C₁₋₄ alkyl.
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5. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R² is H, halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl.
- 10 6. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R³ is H, halo, -CN, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -NR⁴R⁶, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl.
- 15 7. A compound according to claim 1 wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl independently and optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, -OR⁴, halo, 20 -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R⁴.
8. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁴, R⁵ and R⁷ are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl.
- 25 9. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R⁶ is H.
10. A compound according to claim 1 wherein B is CH; D is NH; R¹ is C₁₋₄ alkyl; R² is H, halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl; R³ is H, 30 halo, -CN, hydroxy, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₂₋₆ alkynyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆ haloalkyl, -NR⁴R⁶, morpholinyl, piperazinyl or phenyl; Ar is phenyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydroimidazolyl independently

and optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents selected from the group consisting of H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, -OR⁴, halo, -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R⁴; R⁴, R⁵ and R⁷ are independently H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and R⁶ is H.

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11. {3-[4-(2-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(4-methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-amine;

(2-Chloro-5-fluoro-4-methoxyphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

2-Chloro-5-fluoro-N¹-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-N⁴,N⁴-dimethylbenzene-1,4-diamine;

(4,5-Dimethoxy-2-methylphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

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(2-Chloro-4-difluoromethoxyphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

25 (2-Chloro-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

(2-Chloro-4-methanesulfonylphenyl)-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-amine;

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5-Chloro-2-{3-[4-(2-methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-ylamino}-benzonitrile;

5 [3-(4-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenol;

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[3-(4-Benzyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Ethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
15 (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Allyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

20 4-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-butyronitrile;

5-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-pentanenitrile;

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3-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-propan-1-ol;

{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-acetic acid ethyl ester;
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2-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxy}-butyric acid methyl ester;

- {6-Methyl-3-[4-(pyridin-2-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 5 {3-[4-(2,6-Dichloropyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- {6-Methyl-3-[4-(2-methylthiazol-4-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 10 amine;
- {3-[4-(4-Fluorobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 15 4-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzonitrile;
- 3-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzonitrile;
- 20 3-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzoic acid methyl ester;
- {3-[4-(3-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 25 amine;
- {3-[4-(2-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;
- 30 2-{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenoxymethyl}-benzonitrile;

{6-Methyl-3-[4-(2-nitrobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[4-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-
5 pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[4-(2,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

10 {3-[4-(2,3-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[4-(2,3-Difluorobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

15 {3-[4-(2-Fluoro-6-nitrobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-
methyl-pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

1-(4-Fluoro-3-{4-[6-methyl-2-(2,4,6-
20 trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-
phenoxymethyl}-phenyl)-ethanone;

{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methyl-
pyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

25 [3-(3-Chloro-4-fluorobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-
yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3,4-Dimethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
30 (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3,4-Dimethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3,4-Dichlorobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

5 [6-Methyl-3-(toluene-4-sulfonyl)-pyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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[3-(4-Isopropylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[6-Methyl-3-(4-trifluoromethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-pyridin-
15 2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Fluorobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

20 [3-(4-Bromobenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(4-Ethynylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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[3-(Biphenyl-4-sulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-
trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(2'-Methoxybiphenyl-4-sulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-
30 (2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-
sulfonyl]-phenyl}-methanol;

(6-Methyl-3-{4-[(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-methyl]-benzenesulfonyl}-pyridin-2-yl)-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-benzaldehyde;

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{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-phenyl-methanol;

{4-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenyl}-phenyl-methanone;

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Acetic acid 4-[6-methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-benzyl ester;

[3-(3-Methoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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3-[6-Methyl-2-(2,4,6-trimethylphenylamino)-pyridine-3-sulfonyl]-phenol;

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[3-(3-Ethoxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

[3-(3-Allyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

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[3-(3-Benzyloxybenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(4-Fluorobenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(3-Methoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(3,5-Dimethoxybenzyloxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(6-Chloropyridin-3-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

{3-[3-(2,6-Dichloropyridin-4-ylmethoxy)-benzenesulfonyl]-6-methylpyridin-2-yl}-(2,4,6-trimethylphenyl)-amine;

(2,4-Dimethylphenyl)-[3-(4-ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-amine;

[3-(4-Ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(4-methoxy-2-methylphenyl)-amine;

(2,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-[3-(4-ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-amine;

(2-Chloro-4-methoxyphenyl)-[3-(4-ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-amine; or

[3-(4-Ethylbenzenesulfonyl)-6-methylpyridin-2-yl]-(2,4,5-trimethylphenyl)-amine or pharmaceutically acceptable salts or solvates thereof.

12. A pharmaceutical composition of a compound according to claim 1.

13. A method of treating depression or anxiety comprising a pharmaceutical composition of a compound of claim 1.

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